

REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 9, and 16-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 8, and 10-15 have been cancelled by this paper. Claims 16-19 are new. The new claims are based on previously presented claims and dependent on independent claim 6. No new matter has been introduced. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 8 is objected because it is a duplicate of Claim 6. Claim 8 has been cancelled as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner withdraw the objections.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe (US 6,428,206 B1). Claims 1-5 and 10-13 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe. Claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 6 and 7 are allowed. The Examiner suggested that Claim 9 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 6 is not amended in this paper. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to overcome informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 9 are allowable by virtue of their dependence on the allowable claim 6.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 16-19 are new dependent claims depend on the allowable independent claim 6. The support of the new claims may be found in FIGs 1-4 and paragraphs [0015], and [0033]-[0037]. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16-19 are allowable by virtue of their dependence on allowable claim 6.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance.

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